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## Duxbury art coordinator wins award as outstanding teacher

**D**UXBURY - Virginia Freyermuth, art coordinator for the Duxbury schools, was named Outstanding Visual Arts Teacher of 1995 at the sixth annual American Teacher Awards held in Washington on Wednesday night. Guest hosts included Vice President Al Gore, education secretary William Riley and several Hollywood stars.

Jane Alexander, who chairs the National Endowment for the Arts, announced Freyermuth's award. During her acceptance speech, Freyermuth stressed the role of arts as an essential part of a basic education.

Freyermuth is a former Mass-

achusetts Teacher of the Year. She has visited schools throughout the commonwealth and has worked on state curriculum guidelines to promote arts education.

Last spring a video production crew visited Freyermuth's art classes at Duxbury Junior Senior High School to create a tape segment shown as part of the Disney Channel's television coverage of the awards on Wednesday night. Thirty-six teachers from around the country were nominated for the American Teacher Awards this year. Twelve were named winners in categories that ranged from athletic coach to visual arts teacher.

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